When Well Done, the "Interview" is One of the Highest Examples of Literary Art-Martyrs to Realism-The Coming Man-Stenography.

"What do I think of the 'interview' as a feature of the American newspaper?" replied Julius Chambers, The New York Herald correspondent, as he sat on the porch of the West End hotel last night. "When it is well done. the 'interview' is one of the highest examples of literary art; when badly done, it is infamous. It should present a vivid picture of the man or woman with whom the conversation is held; should incidentally depict the talker's mannerisms, physical and mental, and should convey his ideas in the same sequence as he utters them. I mean by this that the 'interview' should not be 'dressed up.' Its English should be that of the speaker not necessarily verbatim, but possessed of the man's characteristics. Do I make myself clear? For example, nearly every man with whom you talk for ten minutes displays a fondness for a pet phrase, or a bizarre word. Treasure that; use it as he does and you set the person off a great deal better than if you described him, by length, breadth and thickness, to the extent of a column. Jolly old Commodore Vanderbilt, for instance, never talked with a young man three minutes without calling him 'my son.' John Boyle O'Reilly, one of the brightest, keenest critics of men and politics in America, exclaims 'Go to!' half a dozen times in a brief chat. He applies it to himself, to his companion, to hypothetical persons, and to idealized specimens of inanimate creation.

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"A grave and dignified old bank president. whom I knew in 'the storm and stress' period of my apprenticeship in this business, never forgave me for depicting his idiosyncracies truthfully. He complained most of the undeniable fact that he couldn't break himself deniable fact that he couldn't break himself of adding to nearly every sentence: 'And so it is.' I was anxious to present a truthful and accurate picture of the old chap, and re-produced his pet phrase, just as a faithful portrait painter must give the wart on his sitter's chin. He never forgave me. So, you see, martyrs to realism and truth still exist." And then we both smiled. And then we both smiled.

"Should these conversations be reported stenographically?"

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"No; stenography is a dead art so far as daily journalism is concerned. It is fatal to the vitality of a conversation. It appears to destroy the marrow in the bones of a really fine talk. A good memory, with a skeletonized framework containing dates and proper names, is far better. As for the art of short hand itself, it is a dead fall to ambition. Unless a yearner man wants to be shelved in hand itself, it is a dead fall to ambition. Unless a young man wants to be shelved in court, or to become a private secretary to somebody, he should avoid stenography as he would the plague. It destroys the style of a writer and retards his progress towards a high salary. Stenography is well enough for a man without ideas. It is a good thing for him to learn. The journalist can make use of him. The art of dictating to a stenographer, or to a typewriter, is something to be learned as early as possible, for in hours of great emergency one capable man can accomplish the work of half a dozon less able workers. The success Howard, Townsond and others have attained in that direction shows to what use men with the real stuff in shows to what use men with the real stuff in them can put the stemographer. But he plays fourth fiddle, while they wield the baton. That's the stemographer's pince, I fear."

THE COMING MAN. Who do you regard as the coming man on

"Who do you regard as the coming man on the American newspaper?" was asked.

"The reporter, unqualifiedly," answered his elder brother, the correspondent. "His growth in the sixteen years that I have known him at close range his been mavvellous. Look what he has done for the city editor! He has lifted that post to the second place on the staff. A generation hence the reporter will be the lost paid—yes, I mean it—and the most respected factor in the business. Please don't say profession when speaking of the art don't say profession when speaking of the art of making the newspaper. It is an abomin-able expression, and belongs to chiropodists, barn-storming actors and country lawyers. The newspaper is a commercial enterprise. But of that hereafter.

"We were talking of the reporter! Have you not observed the waning of the 'editorial' page? Of course you have. I tell you, it is doomed! The kid-gloved essayists, who for the past fifty years have furnished platitudes and skimmed-milk advice to nursery maids and 'honest voters,' have had a fall. The people do their own thinking now-a-days, and do it a deuced sight better than post and do it a deuced sight better than most editorial writers. I was an editorial writer myself for two years, and I wrote as badly as any of them; in my own opinion, I was one of the very worst, because I sat down to my work with a sacrifice of self-respect in every instance. It is news that sells papers. I defy anybody to prove that any single 'editorial' article ever sold an additional copy of any one issue of a journal."—Long Branch News.

Queen Victoria Favors Opals.

Queen Victoria has made the opal fashionable again. All the gifts of jevelry that she has bestowed among her friends for the past year have been opals. Sometimes they have been set alone, sometimes set with diamonds: but in every instance they have been there. The queen has always had a penchant for these alleged unlucky stones. She has in-sisted that they brought no mere bad luck to those wearing them than any other jewels, and she has long tried to allay that supersti-tion. Her rather profuse distribution of these stones among her friends, it is said, had for its object the doing away with the superstition

The queen's own jeweler naturally took the hint, and the other jewelers, who were not the queen's own, but who were more than willing to be, were not slow in perceiving that there was a ready sale for the very gene that had been heretofore looked upon with suspicion. So they made up into rings, pins and in other ways all they had in stock, and sent out for more. Thus it wasn't very long before every blooded English lady or gentleman who were jewelry at all sported many and beautiful opals.—New York Sun.

How Barnam Stopped a Fight.

A former resident of Aurora, Illa., tells this little incident illustrative of Barnum's won-derful influence over his employes; It was in this bar-room of the old. Huntoon, hotel after the close of the evening performance of the "greatest show on earth." Some of the Au-rora young men and several of the circus attaches had congregated for a good time. They had it. A quarrel arcse about nobody knew what. A lively scrimmage enaued between the "circus" and the "town." Confusion reigned and kindling wood became plenty. At this exciting moment the door opened quietly and Barnum stepped in on the little

He gave one quick glance around the room and uttered the one word, "Boys." It was as expressive as it was brief. In five minutes not a man connected with the show could be found in the room.—Detroit Free Press. BEFORE SAILING.

Lean closer, darling, let thy tender heart
Beat against mine that achies with heavy woe;
Brop thy quick woman's tears to ecothe thy smart,
Ah, me! that I could ease my sorrows so!
But mee must work, sweetheart, and women weep,
So says the song, so runs the world's behest;
Yet time will pass, and tender comfort oreep,
With hope in company, unto thy breast.
Now, ere we part, while yet on lip and cheek
Close kisses linger, clinging, passionate,
There is a farewell word love fain would speak,
A tender thought love labors to translate
In chrosest words, whose memory through thy
years

years Shall calm thy soul and dry thy dropping tears.

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If in thy garden when the roses blow,
Or by the shelter of thine evening fire,
In any whiter gloom or summer glow.
This whiter gloom or summer glow.
This fire the saward with a fond desire
(Fonder and stronger, then thy tender use)
Think thou: "One longs for me across the foam;"
And if, sweet failing like the evening dews,
A special peace enfolds thy heart and home,
Then say thou, dear, with sortly bated broath,
"In some lone wilderness beyond the sea,
Whether in light or life, in gloom or death,
My lover's spirit speaks to God for me!"
Kiss me, beloved, without doubt or dread,
We are not sundered, though farewell be said,
—All the Year Round.

MANIA FOR COLLECTING STAMPS. Philately Seems to Catch the Old and

Young of All Classes. Philately, erstwhile called stamp collecting, and relegated almost entirely to children and youths, seems to be attaining a rank among collecting diversions that calls for some notice of its merits and the pleasures attending its pursuits. Its devotees in this country alone are numbered by the hundreds of thousands, and comprise the old and young of both sexes and of all classes and conditions. Professional men especially seem to have a weakness in this direction, but, owing to the ridicule with which stamp collecting has been met in the past, many who are ardent collectors, and who possess fine collections, are loth to admit who possess fine collections, are loth to admit the fact, some even going so far as to deny their hobby when pressed too closely in rogard to it.

However, the increasing favor that stamp collecting is rapidly gaining as a pastime is doing away with the old prejudices, and many are now to be found who are willing to many are now to be found who are willing to admit their indulgence in the pursuit—some thindly and apologetically, others boldly and fearlessly. It is to these latter that the self-styled philatetists are indebted for the movement that is now in progress for the formation of a national society of starap collectors. From present indications this society bid-fair to be a success, several hundred members having been already enrolled. Its objects are to establish a closer communion among stamp collectors, to admit of a freer interstamp collectors, to admit of a freer inter change of specimens and ideas and to develo change of specimens and ideas and to develor
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being formed.

It may cause the uninitiated to smile at the mention of a postage stamp literature, 1 nevertheless, such a literature exists and considerable amount of it at that. Quite considerable amount of it at that. Quite a cently there was started an illustral monthly called The Stamp Collector, which as its title indicates, is entirely devoted a philately. And a very creditable publication it is, too, one that will compare favorably with the journals of any other specialty. "This a mad world, my masters," but the levotess of the stamp-collecting mania seem to have some method in their madness. It can at least be said in their favor that their form of mania is perfectly harmless both to themselves and the world at large.—New York World.

The Scotch Highlanders in Uniform. The Scotch Highlanders were among the regiments of foreigners wearing their nationa' uniforms, raised in New York city early in he war, for the suppression of the rebellion about half of them came in kilts, and the About half of them came in kilts, and the ther half wore plaid trousers. They were not well officered, and Simon Cameron, then seretary of war, permitted his brother to essume the command. A month or two later and the Scotchmen fought with their accustomed bravery at Bull Run, Col. Cameron receiving a mortal wound. Among other stories told about the bravery of Scotch reginents, is one about the Ninety-third regiment of the British army. When it was in the rimean war, at Balaklava, the odd look of he kilts attracted the notice of the Russians he kilts attracted the notice of the Russians who came into camp with a flag of truce, and one of the officers asked: "What sort of

and one of the officers asked: "What sort of oldiers are those in the petticoats!" The nawer given by a waggish Britisher was unny enough. "These," said he, "are the rives of the soldiers who ride on the gray orses," meaning the Scota Grays.

Marshal Blucher, in a dispatch relating to be battle of Waterloo, wrote: "The Oldinard was baffled by the intrepidity of the cottish regiments." This account of High-anders on the field of gore and glory was onlired by the prevailing belief both in aris and throughout France, the French oldiers themselves saying that it was the scottish troops and troopers who chiefly scasioned the loss of the battle by defeating he Imperial guard. Few regiments are more airely Scotch than the Scots Grays. The errific charges made by this splendid corps of avalry at Waterloo called forth the admiration of Napoleon. And when he witnessed the Highlanders in their kilts and bonnet the Highlanders in their kilts and bonnet and tartans beat back his solid columns, h it once conjectured their country, and while bey contributed so much to blast his earthly lory, he could not repress the exclamation: Les braves Ecossais!"—Ben: Perley Poore.

Ladies at Supper in London.

At the Salisbury club, in London, a peculiarity is that ladies are permitted to distance. In London there are not to be seen as many suppor parties as they have in New York. There is no place in London like Delmonico's, where a party of ladies can be conveniently invited to supper after the theatre. The city is full of restaurants, and some of them are admirable ones, but there is a law there that compels all public places of this there that compels all public places of this kind to close their doors at 19:30 at night, and it is enforced to the letter. An aftertheatre supper party is not always ready to break up at 12:30 o'clock. At that time, in fact, supper may not be half over, and it is 'not very agreeable to have one's guests hustled out like loafers from a bar-room. Theatrical performances in London continue later than they do in New York. It is the custom to give a farce or some short piece before the regular performance of the evening. This throws the end of the entertainment up

The Gladstone Anagram. Enemies of the late premier, who are also Enemies of the fate prenner, who are succeeded in making "I am the Whig who'll be a traitor to England's rule" out of "the Right Honorable William Ewart Gladstone." It will be discovered, however, upon investigation, that there is no letter "u" in the latter phrase. The word "rule," therefore, must be spelled

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